

In the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Examiner seeks a description of a front bearing surface with fixed radii segments.

Applicant notes that the drawings, summary, claims and detailed description are all part of the “specification.” As discussed above, Fig. 5 shows a front bearing surface with a fixed radii segment. Applicant has amended claim 6 to recite “a segment” rather than “segments” with regard to the fixed radii front bearing surface. Accordingly, claim 6 has been broadened and is fully supported by the specification. In addition to the disclosure of Fig. 5, Applicant notes the antecedent support for a fixed radii segment at page 2, line 24. (“This front bearing surface segment is cylindrical, of fixed thickness, and rides in two grooved drive rollers spaced sufficiently apart to provide lateral support stability.”). A cylinder has a fixed radius. Additional antecedent support is located at page 6, lines 9-14. (“Adjustable front truncated bearing plate surface 11 has sufficient radius to ensure that the virtual polar axis which passes thru its center of curvature is located at a higher elevation than the center of gravity of the telescope placed upon it. This adjustable front truncated bearing plate 11 is cylindrical, of fixed thickness, and rides in two grooved drive rollers 4 spaced sufficiently apart to provide lateral support stability.”) Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.